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Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.65/Rev.1 (as orally revised)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Steven Ssenabulya **Nkayivu** (Uganda)

1. At its 25th and 26th meetings on 19 and 21 December 2007, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/62/21) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.65/Rev.1, as orally revised. At the 25th meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/62/7/Add.28).

2. The statements and comments made in the course of the Fifth Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/62/SR.25 and 26).

3. At the 26th meeting, on 21 December, the representative of the United States of America requested a recorded vote on section K of draft decision A/C.5/62/L.17.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted, by a recorded vote of 94 to 40, with 6 abstentions, section K of draft decision A/C.5/62/L.17 (see para. 6). The voting was as follows:

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In favour:[1]

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahariya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Iceland, Japan, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland.

5. Statements were made by the representatives of Canada and the United States of America in explanation of vote after the vote.

Decision of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.65/Rev.1, as orally revised, preliminary additional requirements up to $6,794,700 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($4,895,900) and section 23, Human rights ($1,898,800), of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The Committee recommends the General Assembly should take note of these preliminary estimates. Upon the conclusion of discussions and negotiations and the determination of the structure of the Durban Review Conference, including the regional preparatory meetings, detailed information on financial implications will be submitted.

[1] The delegation of Spain indicated that it had intended to vote against section K of draft decision A/C.5/62/L.17.

[2] A/C.5/62/21.

[3] A/62/7/Add.28.